GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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RENEWAL OF PASSPORTS OF SINDHI FAMILIES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the passports of people belonging to Sindhi community, who had come to the country from Pakistan with their families 15 or 16 years back have expired;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a)&(b) It has come to the notice of Government that such people are facing difficulties in renewing their passport when they approach Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi. There have been requests from such individuals for issue of Long Term Indian Visa without insisting on a valid Pakistani passport.

(c) The matter is being examined by the Ministry of Home Affairs.